

## Regions

## Occupational Rankings

### West Central Region

Occupational Title	Employment		Change		Annual Average Openings		
	1998 Estimated	2008 Projected	1998-2008 Number	Percent	Growth	Replace- ments	Total
<b>Ranked by Numeric Change</b>							
Cashiers.....	3,080	3,580	500	16.2	50	134	184
Teachers, Secondary School .....	1,320	1,550	230	17.4	23	42	65
Retail Salespersons.....	2,500	2,720	220	8.8	22	85	107
Nursing Aides/Orderlies/Attends .....	1,920	2,120	200	10.4	20	27	47
Truck Drivers, Heavy .....	1,470	1,640	170	11.6	18	21	39
Registered Nurses .....	1,250	1,410	160	12.8	16	21	37
Correctional Officers .....	440	580	140	31.8	14	12	26
Police Patrol Officers .....	420	560	140	33.3	14	11	25
Child Care Workers .....	740	870	130	17.6	14	7	21
Office Clerks, General .....	1,540	1,670	130	8.4	14	43	57
Social/Human Service Assistants.....	750	880	130	17.3	13	19	32
Waiters & Waitresses .....	1,490	1,620	130	8.7	13	82	95
<b>Ranked by Percent Change</b>							
Systems Analysts .....	80	120	40	50.0	4	1	5
Respiratory Therapists.....	50	70	20	40.0	2	1	3
Computer Support Specialists .....	80	110	30	37.5	3	1	4
Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs .....	80	110	30	37.5	3	1	4
Lawn Service Managers .....	90	120	30	33.3	3	1	4
Police Patrol Officers .....	420	560	140	33.3	14	11	25
Correctional Officers .....	440	580	140	31.8	14	12	26
Social Workers, Medical/Psychiatric.....	140	180	40	28.6	3	2	5
Speech Pathologists/Audiologists .....	70	90	20	28.6	2	1	3
Teachers, Special Education.....	350	450	100	28.6	10	3	13
Teacher Aides, Paraprofessional .....	450	570	120	26.7	12	5	17
Excavation/Loading Mach Opers.....	80	100	20	25.0	2	2	4
<b>Ranked by Total Openings</b>							
Cashiers.....	3,080	3,580	500	16.2	50	134	184
Retail Salespersons.....	2,500	2,720	220	8.8	22	85	107
Waiters & Waitresses .....	1,490	1,620	130	8.7	13	82	95
Food Prep/Service Workers, Fast Food .....	1,390	1,450	60	4.3	6	76	82
Teachers, Secondary School .....	1,320	1,550	230	17.4	23	42	65
Office Clerks, General .....	1,540	1,670	130	8.4	14	43	57
Teachers, Elementary School .....	1,710	1,830	120	7.0	12	39	51
Food Preparation Workers .....	830	860	30	3.6	2	46	48
Nursing Aides/Orderlies/Attends .....	1,920	2,120	200	10.4	20	27	47
Marketing/Sales Supervisors.....	3,030	3,060	30	1.0	3	40	43
Truck Drivers, Heavy .....	1,470	1,640	170	11.6	18	21	39
Registered Nurses .....	1,250	1,410	160	12.8	16	21	37

Occupations with less than 50 employment in 1998 are not included in these rankings.

A more comprehensive list of the regional employment projections is available at the websites:  
[www.MissouriEconomy.org](http://www.MissouriEconomy.org) or [www.works.state.mo.us/lmi/projections](http://www.works.state.mo.us/lmi/projections).